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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE INDIAN WHEAT SALE TO KOREA

REF: NEW DELHI 10921

1. WE CONTACTED ASSISTANT MINISTER FOR FOOD MANAGEMENT IN KOREAN MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES, WHO SHOULD KNOW, IN EFFORT TO VERIFY WHETHER ROKG INTENDS TO PURCHASE WHEAT FROM INDIA. MAF OFFICIAL INDICATED THERE WAS NO PLAN TO DO SO. HOWEVER, HE ALSO INDICATED ROKG WAS ADOPTING A FLEXIBLE ATTITUDE TOWARD DIVERSIFYING ITS SOURCES OF SUPPLY FOR ALL IMPORTED COMMODITIES. WE WILL MONITOR MATTER CLOSELY, PARTICULARLY DURING FOREIGN MINISTER VAJPAYEE'S VISIT.

2. COMMENT: WE WERE AND ARE SKEPTICAL OF INDIAN PURCHASE BECAUSE OF AVAILABILITY OF USG CREDIT FOR OUR WHEAT SALES (CCC AND PL 480, PLUS POSSIBLE 10 YEAR CREDIT AUTHORITY NOW UNDER CONSIDERATION IN CONGRESS). A MILLION TONS WILL ALSO GIVE INDIA THE LION'S SHARE OF THE MARKET, WHICH FOR A SOMETIME SUPPLIER, WOULD BE DANGEROUS FOR KOREA.
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